

HOUSE OF BISHOPS

A meeting of the House of Bishops was held by Zoom on 20
March 2024

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS AND DECISIONS

THE BISHOP OF MANCHESTER IN THE CHAIR

1 Welcome, apologies, minutes and matters arising

- 1.1 The meeting opened in prayer.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence had been received from the Bishops of Croydon, Islington, Lichfield, Liverpool, Newcastle, Oswestry, Oxford, St Germans, Sheffield and Sherborne. Other bishops were only able to attend part of the meeting.

2 Standing order 14

- 2.1 The House decided, by majority, in favour of meeting on this occasion as a Committee of the Whole House under Standing Order 14.

3 Stocktake on Synod

- 3.1 The House shared reflections from the General Synod and other recent events. The BISHOP OF DUDLEY as the House's representative on the Business Committee was asked to feed relevant points back to the Business Committee.

4 Future of Church Safeguarding

- 4.1 The BISHOP OF STEPNEY presented Professor Jay's report, the *Future of Church Safeguarding*, which had been published on 21 February. Following an initial discussion the House NOTED that the work of the Response Group would be brought to the May House meeting where substantive decisions would be required.
 - 4.1.1 The House discussed the draft privacy notice for Clergy Blue Files. It APPROVED by a show of hands the draft privacy notice.

5 LECTIO DIVINA

- 5.1 The House broke into regional groups for Lectio Divina.

ARCHBISHOP OF YORK IN THE CHAIR

6 Living in Love and Faith

- 6.1 The BISHOP OF LEICESTER set out the process for taking forward the Synod discussions on Living in Love and Faith. The House APPROVED the process described and looked forward to further updates and decisions in May.

7 Episcopal Ministry Development Reviews

- 7.1 The House AGREED to establish a working group led by the BISHOP OF CHESTER to consider induction and MDRs.

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8 Governance Review

8.1 The BISHOP OF GUILDFORD briefed the House on progress on the Governance Review ahead of the decisions the House will need to make in May.

8.2 The House NOTED the presentation and looked forward to receiving detailed proposals in May.

9 CLOSE

9.1 The CHAIR closed the meeting in prayer.

SECRETARIAT

15 April 2024